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Viet Nam's Night Clubs Spy Havens

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WASHINGTON — Since American dependents were sent home from South Viet Nam, security agents have been preaching harder than the chaplains to keep lonely officers out of the native night clubs.

For too many officers, dazzled by romance or tipsy from booze, have been passing on intelligence information to Vietnamese beauties.

One report claims that half the girls in Saigon's night clubs peddle information to the Communists. Others maintain a profitable neutrality by spying impartially for both sides.

Some commanders were glad to see the wives and children leave. They had introduced American suburban living — complete with PX supermarkets, Coca-Cola machines, station wagons, air conditioners, and officers' clubs — to the Saigon environs.

This soured the less privileged Vietnamese, who were forever scurrying out of the way of high-powered American cars.

Though the departure of the dependents has put the U. S. forces back on a war footing, security agents wish the families were around to occupy the men on lonely evenings.

FBI Blackballs Aide

Despite an adverse FBI report, Rep. Mike Feighan, D-Ohio, has been fighting to unload a private investigator from his own payroll and plant him on the government payroll.

Feighan has taken over the chairmanship of the House Immigration Subcommittee. As his \$20,000-a-year chief counsel, he wants the Judiciary Committee to ap-

prove Philip Corso, who has been running private investigations for him.

But the FBI has submitted a derogatory report on Corso, who has been masterminding right-wing intrigue on Capitol Hill. The colonel, as he likes to be addressed, worked out of the office of Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S. C., the white supremacy champion, before latching on to Feighan.

Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach furnished the Judiciary Committee with the FBI report, which accused Corso of nothing illegal. But it was so disparaging that Chairman Emanuel Celler, D-N. Y., refused to approve the appointment.

In a rage, Feighan phoned the Attorney General and tongue-lashed him for turning the FBI memo over to Celler.

Closed-Door Showdown

After scorching Katzenbach, the Congressman from Cleveland tried to override Celler and ram the Corso appointment through the Judiciary Committee. During the closed-door showdown, Celler sought in vain to placate Feighan.

"All right, Mike," Celler said, "you're driving me to reveal something I don't want to. The fact is that I have received an FBI report on Corso, and it shows him to be unreliable. I'm not going to appoint a man to the staff of this committee whom the FBI considers unreliable."

"You mean you are not going to appoint somebody I want on the staff?" fumed Feighan. "I'm a subcommittee chairman and am entitled to pick the people I need. I consider Corso reliable."

"Please recommend someone else, Mike," pleaded Celler. "But please make sure he is better qualified than this man Corso."

When Feighan refused to withdraw the appointment, Celler reluctantly read the FBI memo which reported, among other things, that Corso was the source of the vicious rumor that President Kennedy's assassin, Lee Oswald, had been in the pay of the FBI.

When FBI agents confronted Corso, he blandly explained that he had picked up the rumor from a CIA source whom he refused to identify.

After listening to the FBI report, not a single Judiciary member supported Feighan's demand to put Corso on the public payroll.